

people committed to protecting and enhancing human dignity. Community Home Health and Hospice, located in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, is a private nonprofit organization that has been serving patients throughout Genesee County and other surrounding communities for 20 years.

Since 1981, Community Home Health and Hospice has been the only local community based program providing health care to home-bound patients and home care for those facing the end of life. They provide physicians, nurses, home health aides, social workers, chaplains, and many volunteers who selflessly donate their time and resources to give physical, emotional, and spiritual support to patients as well as their families. They also supply physical, occupational, and speech therapy, dietary counseling, transportation, and bereavement support.

Community Home is licensed by the State of Michigan and is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation for Health Care Organizations. They are also certified by Medicare, Medicaid, and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Their building, a \$3.5 million 19,000 square facility, ensures that the terminally ill receive comprehensive, cost-effective healthcare, and that they are granted the opportunity to live the remainder of their lives in a familiar and comfortable home-like setting.

Mr. Speaker, Community Home fully understands the hardships families face when a loved one nears the end of their life. In many situations, patients and their families would prefer to face the end of life at home, and the decision to seek outside care is truly difficult. However, I am happy that there is a place like Community Home Health and Hospice, where they may live in comfort and dignity.

#### THE HAMMOND SPORTS HALL OF FAME

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that the Hammond Sports Hall of Fame's 15th Annual Induction Banquet will be held tonight, March 15, 2001, at the Hammond Civic Center, in Hammond, Indiana. Eleven individuals, all of whom attended high school in Hammond, Indiana, will be inducted into the Hammond Sports Hall of Fame. The new members of the Hall of Fame include: Mike Bradburn, Bob Bradtke, Allison Buell, Donald Clark, Ray Cross, Rudy T. Folta, Terry Irk, Hal Morris, Kurt Nondorf, Frank P. Staucet, and Bob Wilson, Sr.

Mike Bradburn, a current resident of Chester, California, graduated from Hammond Morton High School in 1963. While at Morton, Bradburn was an outstanding athlete, participating in football, wrestling, and track and field. In football, what this speedy, hard-driving fullback lacked in size, he made up for in grit and determination. He played on the Governors' 1961 state championship squad and earned all-state honors the following season. He continued his football career at Northwestern University, from where he graduated in 1957.

An outstanding basketball and baseball player at Bishop Noll, Bob Bradtke graduated

in 1956. Prior to moving to Lansing, Illinois, where he currently resides, Bradtke coached at Bishop Noll, Whiting and Gavit. As a basketball player at Bishop Noll, he was an all-state guard that teamed up with Oscar Robertson and fellow Hammond Sports Hall of Famer Frank Radovich on the Indiana all-star squad that played the Kentucky all-stars. On the baseball diamond, Bradtke played virtually all positions. He continued his career in college as a basketball player at Notre Dame, where he was a two-year letter winner before graduating in 1960.

Current resident of Hammond, Indiana, Allison Buell, became the first female athlete from a Hammond high school to qualify for the state finals in a field event. Buell was an outstanding high jumper and long jumper at Clark High School, where she graduated in 1988. While in college, Buell competed in the high jump at Cornell University, before transferring to Columbia College, from where she graduated with honors in 1996. As a junior, this Clark valedictorian placed third in the high jump at the state meet, then returned home to help the Lady Pioneers softball team win a sectional title the next day.

The late Donald L. Clark had an outstanding wrestling and football career. After graduating from Clark High School in 1952, Clark attended Purdue University and joined the wrestling team. In 1957, Clark graduated from Purdue with academic honors he then embarked on an outstanding career in education and coaching. As wrestling coach at Hammond High, he directed the Wildcats to back-to-back state championships in 1962 and 1963.

Longtime Hammond, Indiana, resident Ray Cross, will also be inducted into the Hammond Sports Hall of Fame. While at Hammond High, Cross played running back and defensive back on their 1960 state football championship team, earning Chicagoland All-Star Team honors, as well as a scholarship to West New Mexico University. Cross was a versatile player and signed as a free agent with the Atlanta Falcons of the National Football League, but his career was cut short by a knee injury. He then returned home, where he embarked on a teaching and coaching career, leading Eggers Middle School football, basketball and track teams to numerous city championships.

Rudy Folta, a current resident of Chicago, Illinois, won eight varsity letters as a football quarterback, basketball guard, and baseball shortstop for the Hammond Tech Tigers before graduating in 1957. After graduation, Folta continued his football career at Wabash College, where he captained the Little Giants in 1960.

Current Griffith, Indiana resident Hal Morris enjoyed a school record setting and state championship career as a high school sprinter at Clark High School. After placing fifth in the state track and field finals his sophomore and junior years, he won the 220-yard dash in the state finals in 1946. He also placed second in the state that year in the 100-yard dash.

Terry Irk, currently of Bainbridge, Indiana, was a 1971 Gavit graduate. While at Gavit, he was active in football, basketball and golf. As a versatile football player, Irk played quarterback and safety and his play earned him all-conference and all-area honors, as well as a scholarship to the University of Evansville.

Kurt Nondorf of Houston, Texas, was a standout in football and track at Hammond High School. After graduating from Hammond

High, he continued competing in both sports as an Ivy Leaguer at Yale.

Frank Staucet of Slingerlands, New York, graduated from Catholic Central, now Bishop Noll, in 1941. After a season of college baseball at St. Joseph's College and three years representing his nation in the armed forces, he embarked in 1946 on a 10-year professional baseball career. Playing primarily shortstop for Albany, New York of the Eastern League, he compiled a career minor league batting average of .261, including a .300 mark his final season. He was a league all-star in 1948, 1949 and 1950.

While attending Clark High School, current Highland, Indiana resident Bob Wilson, Sr., was an exceptional football, basketball, and baseball player. He went on to achieve prominence in the sport of bowling. Wilson has won numerous titles in various bowling competitions, including the ABC's National Team Championship in 1979.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mike Bradburn, Bob Bradtke, Allison Buell, Donald Clark, Ray Cross, Rudy T. Folta, Terry Irk, Hal Morris, Kurt Nondorf, Frank P. Staucet, and Bob Wilson, Sr. for being inducted into the Hammond Sports Hall of Fame. Their service, dedication, and success have left an indelible mark on Hammond, Indiana and Indiana's First Congressional District.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF GUAM'S EXEMPLARY JUNIOR ROTC UNITS

#### HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to offer words of praise and commendation for the three student cadet units of the U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program on Guam. These deserving units, based at George Washington High School in Mangilao, Southern High School in Santa Rita, and Simon Sanchez High School in Yigo, have all been recently bestowed the designation of "Honor Unit with Distinction" following formal evaluation on the part of senior ROTC officers. This recognition is the third consecutive time that Guam's units have been awarded high marks of excellence from Cadet Command.

As part of the formal tri-annual certification process, officers from the U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command, Fourth Region Headquarters, in Fort Lewis, Washington, recently conducted thorough on-site inspections of Guam's Junior ROTC units. Rigorous review of several critical areas, including cadet participation and performance, records and administration, public affairs and recruiting, training management, supply and logistics and school support were undertaken during this extensive inspection process. Cadets were responsible for briefing the inspection officers. Their performance was scrutinized and examined based on the Army's standards. The results yielded superior rating for the cadets, indicating that they executed their briefings well and were solid in drill and ceremony, curriculum knowledge, supply room inspection, and management.

This news is further testament to the success of the Junior ROTC program and the

positive impact it has on the young men and women who choose to participate. Every year, Mr. Speaker, I am fortunate enough to have the opportunity to meet with the cadets and cadre of Guam's Junior ROTC units here in Washington. They make their annual journey each Fall to visit our Nation's capital city and learn about the legislative process. I have witnessed first-hand their remarkable growth and enjoy engaging in dialogue with them about their educational experiences.

Mr. Speaker, it is with these thoughts in mind and in proud recognition of their accomplishments, that I offer a whole-hearted congratulations to the young men and women of Guam's U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program. Their accomplishments and efforts are to be lauded and appropriately acknowledged. I am honored to have been invited to speak at their upcoming Military Ball this Saturday, the 17th of March. I accepted their invitation without hesitation and look forward to personally meeting each one of the cadets and cadre to share in celebration of their success.

These distinguished cadets deserve our praise, our thanks, and our continued support. May the Junior ROTC Program continue to motivate young people to be better citizens. Mr. Speaker, I commend the Junior ROTC cadets and cadre on Guam. We on Guam are proud of their achievement. They have set the example for other units throughout the Nation to emulate. I urge them to keep up the good work and always remember the values instilled and skills acquired through participation in this invaluable program.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

#### HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 15, 2001*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the American Chemical Society and its more than 163,000 members on their remarkable achievements in chemistry throughout history. ACS was founded 125 years ago. In 1937, Congress charged ACS with advancing the chemical sciences and to promote research, education, and high standards of professional ethics. ACS members have played key roles in expanding the frontiers of knowledge, advancing medicine and industry, and creating products—from aspirin to the Hula Hoop.

Advances in the sciences have given us limitless possibilities to increase our knowledge, to share new discoveries, and to make life better for people across our country and around the world. Chemistry contributes to the safety and quality of our food, the fuel-efficiency of our cars, the speed of our computers, and the effectiveness of our medicines and vaccines. Those achievements wouldn't be possible without the vision and innovation of scientists and engineers.

We must do a better job teaching our children science and mathematics and motivating them to choose careers in these fields. The workforce of the future must be ready to tackle the complex challenges of an increasingly global society. ACS members are passionate about their mission to help educate Americans

in science and technology and introduce everyone—young and old—to the wonders of scientific discovery.

The members of ACS, the world's largest scientific society, will continue to be in the forefront of research and development and science education in a challenging new century. America will benefit from their new discoveries and advances in technology. I join Americans and all people across the globe in celebrating the extraordinary accomplishments of the American Chemical Society and its members on its 125th anniversary.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF LA TRIBUNA NEWSPAPER

#### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 15, 2001*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly special occasion, the 39th anniversary of La Tribuna newspaper. This momentous event in my state's journalism community will be recognized at a gala banquet to be held Friday, March 16, 2001.

In 1962, large numbers of Hispanic immigrants began relocating to New Jersey. At that time, few newspapers were being published in their native language. La Tribuna was one of the first news sources committed to keeping the Spanish-speaking community in touch with its government and the rest of the world.

For thirty-nine years, La Tribuna has shone light on daily events affecting the Hispanic community. Part of the foundation of the United States Constitution is freedom of the press. La Tribuna brings this ideal to life for the Hispanic community on a weekly basis through the paper's commitment to truth and fairness. Whenever and wherever news happens, La Tribuna is at the forefront of articulating events in a concise, non-nonsense manner.

Under the direction of publisher and editor Ruth Molenaar, La Tribuna has grown to be a well-respected member of New Jersey's news community. The people of my District, and New Jersey, are fortunate to have Ms. Molenaar and her staff, including Lionel Rodriguez, providing fair and accurate news coverage. They have been a reliable voice for the Hispanic community for almost two generations.

In recognition of the impact La Tribuna has had on the community, the City of Newark will name a street after the newspaper. The corner of Ferry Street and Niagara Street will be named La Tribuna Street.

It is an honor to have La Tribuna operating in my District. Its efforts have helped our nation's Hispanic community to blossom and flourish. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this remarkable organization for all it has done for the Hispanic community.

#### CELEBRATING CAMP FIRE BOYS AND GIRLS' ABSOLUTELY IN- CREDIBLE KID DAY

#### HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 15, 2001*

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the birthday of the Camp Fire Boys and Girls' Absolutely Incredible Kid Day. Each year, on the third Thursday in March, the day is set aside to help adults communicate better with kids. As part of the celebration, adults are encouraged to send letters of love and appreciation to young people in their lives to show them how much they mean to them. Now in its fifth year, more than 450 million people have been touched by Absolutely Incredible Kid Day.

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day can make a positive impact that will last a lifetime. The campaign has received the critical acclaim of child and family care experts, award winning authors, noted psychologists, and adults and kids everywhere. Celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey, Jim Carrey and Cindy Crawford have also given their support to Absolutely Incredible Kid Day.

In my hometown of Grand Rapids, Michigan the Campfire Boys and Girls West Michigan Council has put an enormous amount of time and effort into this celebration. In addition to having adults write letters to kids they know, the organization is also encouraging adults to write letters for distribution to at-risk youths throughout Grand Rapids. The Council has also organized an extensive public awareness program complete with posters, stickers and stationary to spread the word about this special and important day. I applaud them for making this day a top priority.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues, moms and dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles, teachers, mentors and other adults alike take time out of their day today to let a young person know how much they appreciate them. Let them know you care and help make a positive difference in their lives today and everyday by writing a letter of love and support. You'll be glad you did and so will the reader of the letter!

#### CENTRAL ASIAN REPRESSION AND MISMANAGEMENT ARE THE PROBLEM NOT THE SOLUTION TO COMBATING ISLAMIC EXTRE- MISM

#### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 15, 2001*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, those of us who follow events in Central Asia are alarmed by the growing influence of Islamic extremism in Central Asia. As my colleagues are aware, an Islamic insurgency has taken root in the Fergana valley area where the borders of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan meet. Reports indicate that this insurgency is being supported and fueled by the fiercely Islamic Taliban in Afghanistan.

So far, Kazakhstan has not been directly affected by this insurgency. However, because